

# **Transportation and Communication Committee Meeting Summary**

***February 5, 2004***

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Action Item 4.1	Approved Highway Task Force Recommendation to include in the RTP potential capacity enhancements on the 101 corridor, and continue study of long term needs, as referenced in the staff report.
	Approved Highway Task Force Recommendation to include in the RTP potential capacity enhancements on the 710 corridor, as referenced in the staff report, with the following revised bullet #2:
Action Item 4.2	<b>"While additional work is in progress to identify feasible improvements in the corridor, the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan identifies existing commitments to replace the Gerald Desmond Bridge as part of the financially constrained Plan, and the need to provide the equivalent of 2 lanes of additional capacity in each direction to move goods and people throughout the corridor"</b>
Action Item 4.3	Approved the consensus program with the following changes:  Replace all references to "SR-60" with the phrase "East-West Corridor."
Info Item 5.1	Annie Nam, Senior Planner, presented an overview of the state budget proposal and the implications on the 2004 RTP Financial Plan.
Info Item 5.2	Ms. Robin Lowe, RCTC Chairperson, and Ms. Cathy Bechtel, RCTC, presented a report on the CETAP process.
Info Item 5.3	Naresh Amatya, Lead Planner, provided an update and summary of comments received thus far on the Draft RTP.
Info Item 5.4	Rich Macias, Manager of Transportation/Programming, presented an update on the RTP/Issue matrix.

# **Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Summary**

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5.1	S. 1555 California Wild Heritage Act (Senator Boxer's bill) The Committee voted 9-5 to adopt a position to watch the bill.
6.1	Staff presented a summary of the efforts to disseminate the Draft PEIR. There was a brief discussion about the comments received to date. Staff indicated that the Final PEIR is scheduled to be approved by EEC at their March meeting, to be followed by approval by the Regional Council at their April meeting. Staff will summarize all comments received with staff responses and will send them to the Committee members prior to the March meeting for their review.
6.2.	Staff gave a brief summary of public outreach efforts for the 2004 Draft RTP and PEIR.
6.3	Staff presented the Draft 2004 RTP Environmental Justice analysis.
6.4	Staff gave a brief presentation on the conformity implications of the transportation funding shortfall.
6.5	The presentation on the Western Riverside County Habitat Conservation Efforts will be rescheduled for a future meeting. It was not received due to lack of time.
7.0	The next meeting of the Water Policy Task Force is February 12 <sup>th</sup> .
8.0	Staff reported that the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) will take their State Implementation Plan (SIP) to the APCD Board in mid April. This schedule will put Ventura County out of conformity for a short period of time. SCAG has contacted the Ventura APCD to offer assistance so that APCD might take the SIP to their Board in March instead of April to prevent the conformity lapse for Ventura County.
9.0	Committee member Michael Feinstein suggested two potential future agenda topics: a presentation by Santa Monica city staff on the city's 30-year initiative to leave the power grid; and a proposal to change the composition and representation of the South Coast AQMD board to better represent smaller cities.

# **Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Meeting Summary**

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3.0	<b>The Consent Calendar</b> was approved without discussion. The Consent Calendar included the December meeting minutes.
4.1	<b>Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Growth Forecast Update.</b> Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development, reviewed the progress to on public outreach and review for the RTP growth forecast. Ms. Harris estimated that 5,000 individuals have attended RTP meetings or workshops and that there has been significant discussion on technical and policy issues. Staff has received 13 formal written comments on the growth forecast specifically. Staff is analyzing these comments and will bring any resulting recommendations to the CEHD Committee and Regional Council. Committee members had some questions regarding attendance and types of questions posed by participants.
4.2	<b>Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).</b> Staff updated the committee on developments related to the next RHNA. Specifically staff reported that the recently released Governor's budget maintains an insufficient funding level for the program, and that staff is not prepared to continue preparatory work on that basis. Further, staff reported that the Statewide Housing Element Working Group is nearing completion of negotiated changes to State housing statute.
4.3	<b>Economic Forecast Conference</b> – Staff reported on the Seventh Annual Economic Forecast Conference, held November 13, 2003 in Newport Beach. The conference was a great success. Staff further described SCAG's track record in compiling economic forecasts over the history of the conference. Generally SCAG's employment forecasts are average 1% absolute error. This performance is in line with other comparable forecast efforts.
4.4	<b>Housing Summit.</b> Staff reported that a first Summit Steering Committee meeting was held. The Steering Committee consists of Councilmembers Bart Doyle, Deborah Roberston, and Paul Nowatka. The group is discussing topics, speakers, dates, and locations for the conference. At present the conference is anticipated to be held in mid to late May.
4.5	<b>Growth Visioning Subcommittee Report</b> – In lieu of the Chair's report, John Fregonese, consultant to the Growth Visioning effort, reviewed overall program progress to date. Mr. Fregonese expressed confidence that a final vision that is broadly supportable will be brought to the Committee on time and under budget.
5.0	<b>Chairs Report.</b> There was not Chair's Report
6.0	<b>Staff Report.</b> No report
7.0	<b>Future Agenda Items.</b> None
8.0	<b>Closed Session.</b> No Closed Session held